

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on July 31, 2009 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Amended claims 1-6, 9-10 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The present claims are drawn to a method of deactivating a virus, which is independent and distinct from the original set of elected claims drawn to an antiviral fiber.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits.

The amendment filed on July 31, 2009 presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non responsive (MPEP 821.03)

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TANISHA DIGGS whose telephone number is (571)270-7730. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs, 7:30-5 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on (571)272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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